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SUBJECT SHAH INQUIRY ON TARAPUR REACTOR INSPECTION

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1. MISSION REQUESTED TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM J.D. LAFLEUR, URNRC TO J. C. SHAH, ATOMIC POWER AUTHORITY IN BOMBAY:
QUOTE: 22 OF 23 BWR'S IN U.S. HAVE BEEN INSPECTED FOR CRACKS IN RECIRCULATION PIPES AS ORDERED BY NRC ON JANUARY 30. ONE REACTOR GIVEN UNTIL MARCH 15 TO COMPLETE INSPECTION. ONLY ONE MORE CRACK HAS BEEN FOUND. IT IS IN DRESDEN 2 REACTOR, SAME REACTOR IN WHICH INITIAL CRACKS WERE REPORTED TO NRC ON JANUARY 28. BECAUSE OF IN-SERVICE INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS, RE-CIRCULATION PIPES OF U.S. REACTORS DO NOT HAVE INSULATION AND PAINT COVERINGS OF TYPE AT TARAPUR. THUS, WE WERE NOT FACED WITH PROBLEM YOU DESCRIBE. WE UNDERSTAND YOUR NEED TO BALANCE NEED FOR SPECIAL INSPECTION AT TARAPUR BECAUSE OF DRESDEN CRACKS AGAINST THE COST OF SUCH INSPECTION, IN TERMS, OF DOWN-
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TIME AND DOES COMMITMENT TO PERSONNEL. PERHAPS CHANGING INSULTATION

TO ALLOW INSERVICE INSPECTIONS MIGHT BE CONSIDERED, AND INSPECTION
COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED WHEN THIS ONE-TIME DOSEAGE IS ACCEPTED.
WE SOULD BE PLEASED TO ATTEMPT TO RESPOND TO ANY
FURTHER TECHNICAL QUESTIONS BEARING ON THIS ISSUE. INGERSOLL

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